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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOI ACCEPTANCE OF TRAVEL GROUP CHARTERS (TGC)

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1. EMBOFF HAS SEPARATELY DISCUSSED TGCS AND OTHER CAB AUTHORIZED CHARTERS WITH CIVILAVIA REP LIOI (DIRECTOR, FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORT DIVISION) AND ALITALIA OPERATIONS DIRECTOR SERENA. BOTH SAID THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS NO RPT NO AGREEMENT ON AN ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM CHARTER PRICE ON NORTH ATLANTIC, ITALY UNABLE RPT UNABLE AUTHORIZE TGCS. SERENA STATED THAT ONCE AGREEMENT ON MINIMUM CHARTER PRICE REACHED, ALITALIA PREPARED MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON OTHER CHARTER TYPES SUCH AS TGC. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, NEITHER CIVILAVIA NOR ALITALIA PREPARED PERMIT LOW-PRICED CHARTERS WHICH CAN BE SOLD ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AS DANGER OF SCHEDULED PASSENGER DIVERSION FROM ALITALIA CONSIDERED TOO GREAT. CONSEQUENTLY, FOR 1975 AND UNTIL ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM CHARTER PRICE PREVAILS, GOI WILL PERMIT ONLY RPT ONLY AFFINITY CHARTERS (SPLIT AFFINITY ACCEPTABLE FOR 1975) AND ITCS.

2. BOTH ALITALIA AND CIVILAVIA DESIRE CAB WAIVER WHICH WOULD PERMIT US-ITALY ITCS TO OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LESS STRINGENT CIVILAVIA, RATHER THAN CAB, REGULATIONS. IF THIS COULD

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BE DONE, EVEN IF ONLY FOR 1975 HOLY YEAR, IT WOULD FACILITATE

TO SOME EXTENT TRAVEL TO ITALY BY UNCHARTERWORTHY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON CAB WAIVER OF CERTAIN CHARTER REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED BY ALITALIA (PARA 6 REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES GOI MIGHT BE PERSUADED CONTINUE SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS BEYOND 1975, AND PERHAPS EVEN LIBERALIZE CONDITIONS, PROVIDED (A) CAB CONTINUES AUTHORIZE SUCH CHARTERS AND (B) 1975 RESULTS DO NOT RPT NOT APPEAR DAMAGING TO ALITALIA. GOI DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT AFFINITY CHARTERS PHASED OUT AFTER 1975 SEASON AS CAB HAS TENTATIVELY PROPOSED. BOTH CIVILAVIA AND ALITALIA WELL AWARE THAT CAB HAS REACHED NO FINAL DECISION ON PHASE-OUT OF AFFINITY CHARTERS AND THAT SIGNIFICANT PRESSURES EXIST IN US FOR THEIR RETENTION.

4. ALITALIA ATTITUDE TOWARD CHARTER MARKET MAY CHANGE OVER TIME SINCE IT NOW APPEARS LIKELY THAT ALITALIA WILL HAVE SPARE AIRCRAFT (THANKS TO RETRENCHMENT PROGRAM AND WEAK MARKET FOR OLDER MODELS DC-8) WHICH COULD BE USED FOR CHARTER OPERATIONS. RELATIVE UNAVAILABILITY OWN AIRCRAFT IN PAST SEASONS HAS BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SHAPING ALITALIA ATTITUDE TOWARD CHARTER FLIGHTS. IF ALITALIA ALSO IN POSITION EXPLOIT CHARTER MARKET, WE MAY SEE MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE BUT NOT RPT NOT IN TIME AFFECT 1975 SEASON.

5. EMBASSY SEES NO RPT NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS THROUGH USG APPEAL TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL. APPROVAL SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS, WHICH REQUIRED MINISTER TRANSPORT MARTINELLI'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION, OCCASIONED SERIES OF HIGHLY CRITICAL QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT. VOLPE

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